

## COLOMBIAN REBELS SAID TO HAVE DEFEATED GOVERNMENT.

Insurgents Have Been Winning Victories and Steadily Advancing on the Towns Proper—Are Charged With Having Mutilated Prisoners.

One General and Four Colombian Colonels Killed in a Twenty-Six Hour Battle—Rebels Receiving Recruits in Every Province.

TWO AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE HURRYING TO THE SCENE.



### SCENE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLUTIONS.

Insurgents are fighting against the Governments of Venezuela and Colombia, and the nations are on the verge of war. Fighting has been going on along the Panama railroad. The United States Government has sent two warships, one for either side of the isthmus, to protect American interests.

Kinston, Jamaica, Aug. 15.—The British steamer Darden has arrived here from Colon and brings reports of heavy fighting Monday on the outskirts of Panama and Colon. The rebels are steadily advancing on the towns proper. A large number of men had been wounded.

A large number of wounded men belonging to the Government troops were taken to Colon Monday. This is regarded as an indication of the persistency of the rebel attacks.

**Trying to Buy Warships.**  
The converted cruiser Namoma has been found to be practically useless, owing to the bungling attempts to mount heavy guns on board her. The Colombian Government is now negotiating for the purchase of the steamer General Hall of the West India and Pacific Steamship Company (limited) of Liverpool.

The Darden brought forty passengers, who were obliged to leave Colon in order to escape the danger and to avoid conscription. The British Consul at Colon has entered a protest against the conscription being compelled by the Colombian Government to fight against the rebels.

**Prisoners Mutilated by Insurgents.**  
Both sides are committing atrocities. In the attack made on the Government troops Sunday, a few miles out of Colon, the rebels defeated the Government forces and one of the latter was afterwards found, shot in the abdomen, with both legs amputated. This was a reprisal for the torture by the Government of political prisoners.

**Fought for Twenty-Six Hours.**  
Details regarding the Venezuela-Colombian conflict of July 29 have been received, and convey the first information that the battle was a serious one. The engagement was fought at Las Pillas, La Parada and Miraflores and lasted twenty-six hours.

**Five Officers Killed.**  
The Colombian forces were compelled to retire, but not before 130 of both sides had been killed and injured. Among these were General Resendo Medina, of the Venezuelan side, and four Colombians. The army of 5,000 invaders were divided into twenty-eight regiments, some of which were of the regular Colombian army, commanded by Government officers and using the army artillery.

Because of the strict postal, press and cable censorship exercised, the victories won by the rebels in several battles were until now given as mere rumors.

**Government Troops Routed.**  
On July 30, according to insurgent advice, General Joseph M. Castillo defeated the Government troops under General Luis Velazquez at Palmar, taking many prisoners, arms and supplies.

General Cledonio Castillo won a battle over a regiment that attempted to intercept his command to his march to Rio Hacha. General Macia's forces have won several engagements, and now control the entire Department of Tolima. Two other battles, with favorable results for the rebels, took place at Canaraz and Gatun, Department of Panama.

Four battles have been fought during the last month in the south of Cauca, which are also Government defeats, though details are lacking.

## NATIONAL ISSUES ENTIRELY IGNORED.

Pennsylvania Democrats Direct Attention to Abuses by the Republican State Ring.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 15.—The Democratic State Convention to-day nominated Judge Harmon Yerkes of Doylestown for Supreme Court Judge and Representative Andrew J. Palm of Meadville for State Treasurer.

The platform makes no reference to William J. Bryan or to State issues. In the closing moments of the convention resolutions were adopted without debate and by a practically unanimous vote, which will have the effect of blocking any effort that may be contemplated looking to the withdrawal of the candidate for State Treasurer and the substitution of an anti-Quay Republican upon a Fusion ticket.

**Fight Over Philadelphia.**  
The contest between the rival Philadelphia factions for recognition by the convention resulted in a harmony agreement, between recognized leaders of the two elements. A committee was designated to cooperate with former Governor Robert E. Pattison, chairman of the regular City Committee, in adjusting the differences that may arise in reorganizing the party in Philadelphia. Following the ratification of the harmony programme, an effort was made by J. O. Ulrich of Schuylkill to expel the Philadelphia delegates. He made a speech criticizing the harmony resolutions and endorsing the leaders of the Philadelphia Democracy. An assistant sergeant-at-arms tried to force Mr. Ulrich to take his seat, and there was almost a riot. The police intervened and after much excitement the Ulrich resolution to expel the delegates was rejected. The decision of Chairman Keenan was appealed from and was sustained.

**The Platform.**  
The platform contains no reference to any of the national issues. All these are waived aside, and the party calls upon its loyal citizens to unite with us for the redemption of our commonwealth from the political free-booters who now control it.

combated with profligacy, dishonesty and reckless disregard of constitutional or moral obligations.

"The powers of government," reads the platform, "are prostituted to the purpose of public thieves. Constitutional restraints and commands are sanctified by law, the obligations of official oaths and the demands of common honesty are thrust aside by the substitution of a higher law—the demand of an insatiable greed of public plunderers for money, money, more money. Shamelessly and openly the votes of legislators are bought, and so persistently and consistently that market values for legislators have been established by auction custom."

The action of the Legislature in fostering monopolies, granting franchises without regard to the rights of the people, and using the State institutions to further political ambitions is denounced, and the platform declares that the Republic is a mockery, and that the people are a prey to the greed of the few.

The platform calls for a State from the bottom of the barrel, and for a party of good government to join. We make this fight, not for the sake of the party, but for the sake of the people, and in the interest of a party advantage, but in the interest of Pennsylvania, and will welcome co-operation with all political organizations, honestly pledged to the same purposes."

### VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS. Platform Indorses Leaders, From Jefferson to Bryan.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 15.—The Democratic State Convention to-day adopted a platform, and the outgoing train was loaded with delegates returning home. It was not until 6:30 o'clock p. m. that the platform was submitted to the body, although the Resolutions Committee had been out for forty-eight hours.

The platform of the Virginia Democracy expresses admiration for the leadership of the party, from Jefferson to Bryan.

The platform was completed this afternoon by the nomination of Major W. W. Anderson of Norfolk, for Attorney General, and the nomination of Senator Thomas Martin, of one of the most bitterly fought battles in one of the most important legislative sessions in the history of the State of Virginia.

The platform adopted deals largely with State issues. The first plank reads:

"In convention assembled, reaffirm their allegiance and unflinching devotion to the national Democratic party, and declare their admiration for its leaders, from Jefferson to Bryan, who have borne the party standards in victory and defeat."

The concluding plank of the platform is a declaration in favor of "the principle of the selection of party candidates by primary election, believing this to be the surest method of arriving at the will of the people and maintaining Democratic institutions."

**DO YOU KNOW JOHNNY JONES AND HIS SIXTY SISTERS?**



### THE NEWS IN MINIATURE.

**BRITISH WAR VESSELS ARE SENT TO BRAZILIAN WATERS.**  
SPECIAL BY CABLE.  
Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 15.—British cruiser Cumberland and the gunboats Nymph and Basilisk have sailed for the Brazilian coast.

It is believed that the departure of the war vessels has a connection with troubles feared in Rio Grande do Sul.

### INSURGENT FORCES COMING INTO CAMP.

General Malvar's Followers Are Disintegrating and Surrendering to the American Troops.

Manila, Aug. 15.—Second Lieutenant Walter S. Grant of the Sixth Cavalry, while scouting with a detachment near Tual, Batangas Province, has made what the military authorities consider to be the most important capture since Aguinaldo was made prisoner. General captured Colonel Martin Cabrera, his Adjutant and six other insurgents. Cabrera has been giving in power for some time. He controlled all the insurgents in Southern Batangas, and also those westward of the city of Batangas.

Colonel Panganiban, a Captain and twenty men, with twenty-six rifles and considerable ammunition, have surrendered to Lieutenant Smith of the Twentieth Infantry, near Luas. They formed a portion of General Malvar's command. After taking the oath of allegiance they were released.

Captain Policarpio, a Lieutenant and five men from the sixth company of Malvar's command also surrendered to Colonel Baldwin, refusing at the same time payment for their rifles and revolvers, and saying that they surrendered for peace and not for money.

Leutenant Evans reports that he has not seen or heard of any insurgents recently on the island of Mindoro. He reports burning a camp, however, and he succeeded in capturing thirty tons of rice. He says the people in the valley of the river are the richest farming country of the island. The district is thickly settled and plentifully supplied with cattle and rice.

General Chaffee is greatly pleased by these accounts from the Province of Batangas and the island of Mindoro.

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**NICARAGUAN CANAL.**  
London Officials Have No Definite News From Pancoff.

London, Aug. 15.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Perks (Liberal), sought information regarding the course of the Nicaraguan Canal negotiations, but the Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, Lord Cranborne, was only able to confirm the dispatches of the Associated Press on the subject.

He said unofficial communications were passing between Washington and London, through Lord Pancoff, but no formal reply had yet been received to Lord Lansdowne's dispatch of February 22, of the present year.

### OPPOSED TO PRIVATEERING. Dutch Authority Issues a Warning to Boer Leaders.

Amsterdam, Aug. 15.—The official Handelsblad, while incredulous regarding the Dutch story in the subject of being made a document authorizing privateering against Great Britain, warns the Boers that "no civilized power could approve of the adoption by the republics of a medieval system of warfare like privateering."

### BANISHED TO ARABIA. Turkey's Sultan Removes Alleged Conspirators From His Capital.

Constantinople, Aug. 15.—Seven hundred and four exiles, many of them being members of the Young Turk party, were banished to the island of Cyprus, and were placed in the recent fire at the harbor of the Yildiz Palace.

## BOERS AND IRISH DEMAND BRITISH LEADERS' ATTENTION.

Liberal Leaders Accuse the Government of Barbarity in Hiring Kafirs to Fight the Boers.

John Redmond Causes an Editor to Be Called Before the Bar for Publishing Irish.

### MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S DEFENSE. BREACH OF PRIVILEGE SHOWN.

Colonial Secretary Asserts That the Devastation Policy in South Africa Has Been Adopted From Motives of Humanity.

London, Aug. 15.—The House of Commons to-day, on the motion of John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, ordered the editor and publisher of the Globe, an evening paper of London (Conservative) to appear at the bar of the House to-morrow afternoon for gross breach of privileges of the House in accusing the Nationalist members of corruption in connection with private bill legislation.

**The Objectable Editorial.**  
The Globe editorial, to which exception is taken, was as follows:

"The same spirit and the same motives which had made Tammany the synonym for political obliquity have made the Nationalist party what it is. Many connected with it are the very ruck of the population whose sole object is to make as much money by political jobbery and corruption as they can. Any one who has had connection with Irish private bills, corporate contracts and franchises across the water can bear ample testimony to this."

The Globe, hearing of Mr. Redmond's proposed action, attempted to explain that it had not meant any imputation on members of the House of Commons, "but upon the wire-pullers and parasites who have made politics in Ireland a profession, as their kinsmen have done in New York."

**Called for Action.**  
Mr. Redmond, in calling attention to this very degrading and scandalous libel, said the libel concerned the House of Commons as a whole far more than the Irish members. The latter had not complained of the violent, rancorous attack of Mr. Chamberlain at Bismarck, because they knew him of old in connection with Irish politics, and his opinion was valueless, but the charge of personal corruption was a different matter, and the House ought to vindicate its own honor. He moved that the House declare the Globe's article to be a gross breach of the privileges of the House.

**Leaders of the Government.**  
Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, concurred. He said there could not be the smallest doubt that a breach of privilege of the gravest character had been committed, and he moved that the House declare the Globe's article to be a gross breach of the privileges of the House.

**Mr. Redmond's Motion.**  
Mr. Redmond then proposed the motion that the editor and publisher of the Globe be ordered to appear at the bar of the House to-morrow afternoon. The motion was carried unanimously.

### QUESTION OF RELIGIOUS DEPTH. Judges Differ as to Whether Pardoned Negro Is Converted.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.  
Macon, Mo., Aug. 15.—The depth to which religion has sunk into Elder Tidings, a negro (colored), the cause of a sharp controversy between Judge John W. Williams, president of the County Court, and A. F. Love, a local Justice of the Peace.

Tidings was "sent up" for six months by the Justice on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. After that term was completed he was to be tried on a charge of attempting to kill his wife.

Tidings was sentenced to forty years in the Penitentiary in 1898 for burglary and arson. He was pardoned after serving ten years and immediately robbed his aged father of a horse and all the money he had. The father was arrested and prosecuted him, and the case was dismissed. Then Tidings was arrested for abusing his wife, but he broke away from the Constable and was recaptured a few days later.

## PECULIAR ACCIDENT MAY RESULT IN BOY'S DEATH.

Harry Mortimer Was Struck on Head by Shovelful of Coal and Precipitated Through the Chute in Sidewalk—Skull Fractured.



**HARRY MORTIMER.**  
Who was struck on the head by a shovelful of coal and precipitated down a coal hole, receiving serious injuries.

Harry Mortimer, 15 years old, of No. 251 Magnolia avenue, was knocked into a coal hole and probably fatally injured yesterday afternoon by a heavy shovelful of coal, which struck him on the head as he was walking on St. Charles street in the rear of the Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company's building.

At the time of the accident a large coal wagon was being unloaded. The wagon was in the street, and the driver had emptied it of more than half its contents, so that each time he stooped to fill his shovel the sides of the wagon cut off his view of the sidewalk.

Mortimer is employed in the sample department of the Ely & Walker company. He went out for lunch at noon, and was returning to his work when he was injured. He saw the coal wagon, but mistook it for one of the Ely & Walker wagons, which are numerous at that place. He walked in front of the wagon without looking up. At that moment the driver of the wagon, who was stooping and had not seen the boy, swung his shovel upward and threw its contents forcibly at the coal hole, ten feet away. The heavy chunks of fuel struck Mortimer upon the face and head. The momentum of the coal was so great that it carried the boy with it. He was knocked off his feet and fell headlong into the coal hole. Twelve feet below the street he landed upon coal which was already in the basement.

He was picked up unconscious and sent to the City Hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured. The hospital doctors think his condition very serious, with the chances against recovery.

## MISSOURI'S NEW GEOLOGIST HAS WIDESPREAD REPUTATION.



**DOCTOR E. R. BUCKLEY,** Formerly of Madison, Wis., the new State Geologist.

Doctor Ernest R. Buckley, who was recently elected State Geologist of Missouri, has a national reputation, and as the Assistant State Geologist of Wisconsin his work among the building-stone deposits of the State attracted wide attention among geologists.

He was born in Millsbury, Mass., twenty-nine years ago and went to Wisconsin with his parents in 1875. The family located at Tenuah and it was in the public schools of that county that Doctor Buckley received his early education. He attended the Wisconsin State University in 1891 and graduated four years later. While studying for his doctor's degree he served as an instructor in the university. For three years he was on the Wisconsin survey. His home at present is at Madison, Wis., where he has served two terms as Alderman.

He is now treasurer of the Wisconsin Academy of Arts, Science and Letters, having been elected last winter. He is a prominent Congregationalist and for some time edited the Christian Endeavor paper published by the Wisconsin State Society. During his college course he was considered a bright student, and in his junior year was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He is unmarried and lives in Madison with his widowed mother. He has returned to his home in Madison.

**Invitation to First Regiment.**—The officers of the First Regiment, N. G. M., have accepted an invitation extended by the officers of the First Illinois Cavalry to make a trip to Camp Lincoln at Springfield, Ill., next Sunday. The Illinois regiment will be in their annual encampment at that time and have planned extensive entertainment for the St. Louis militiamen. The officers will leave this city on a special car Sunday morning, and will return Monday morning.

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